

Baptist Leader Points To The 1970's As The Glorious 'New' Days

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Many today drool over the glories of the past and apparently would delight in turning the pages of time backward. Their minds are veritable whirlpools as they go round and round with memories of the "good old days."

Do not talk to me about the "good old days," to glorify them, for the "good how days" are far more glorious to me. I was reared on a small farm in south Georgia. From my earliest memory, my father was not able to do enough work to keep the garden clean. The children and a marvelous mother had the full responsibility of digging a bare existence out of poor land.

During my entire four years of high school, I was the oldest boy at home, which meant that the heavy load of farm work was on my shoulders. It was necessary for me to plow (not a tractor) before and after school each day; to stay home one day out of each week and plow; plow on Saturdays and at other times as it became necessary.

I like now much better because I had much rather awake in the morning during the winter with the temperature in my room thermostatically controlled and warm, than to get up and build a fire. I much prefer going to the refrigerator to get a quart of cold milk than to go to the lot on a bitter cold morning to milk a cow.

In the "good old days" we had running water in our house as a result of my daddy saying, "Son, run bring a bucket of water." So many are the vivid memories of the "good old days" that time will not permit a discussion of other experiences but, simply stated, those were the "good old days."

Psychologists tell us that it is possible to train a child to love snakes and fear rabbits. We know that ears can be trained to hear discord and miss much beautiful music. Our eyes can be so totally focused on the ugly in landscapes that our soul never thrills to the marvelous beauty of nature all about us. Have our ears been so filled with noise and uncertain sounds that we no longer hear the still small voice? Is it possible that we have forgotten so much history that we are ignorant of the past? Have the thunderous wails of those who are self-appointed inspectors of caruncles and warts deafened us? Have the black analysts so completely closed the shutters of our eyes that we are blinded to the immense volume of good about us? Do we see only a minority of young people who are misled, and know not the meaning of life, leading in the parades of destruction, but do not see the multitude of young people who far surpass the young people of any previous age? Do we listen only to the pessimistic wail of blatant false prophecy and let it paralyze our efforts for world evangelization?

In America today the prophets of

doom are many and loud. Apparently, many have despaired, feeling that America domestically and internationally is hopeless. Surely, I am not so foolishly optimistic, nor totally ignorant, as to assume that all is well. Yet, I cannot for the life of me subscribe to the theory that we are about

ready to take our dear old U.S.A. to the cemetery. When compared to the past, America today does not look too bad.

Every true American today deplores a sick social cell which would result in the assassination of a president. I regret that such has happen-

ed in my lifetime. Actually we have had one too many, but one assassination in the past 60 years. Have we forgotten that President Tyler and his family barricaded themselves inside the White House for protection against the stoning by an angry mob? Those were sad days when Vice President

Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Have we forgotten that in a period of 36 years there were three presidents assassinated? Lincoln in 1865; Garfield in 1881; and McKinley in 1901.

Do we learn of the riots today and (Continued On Page 3)

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Drug Abuse Clinics Will Begin Jan. 11

The Christian Action Commission has scheduled a series of Drug Abuse Clinics in January, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

Among the topics to be discussed will be "The Current Drug Scene in Mississippi," "The Drug Threat - Your Response" and "Facts about Stimulants and Sedatives."

The dates and places are as follows. The time for each clinic is 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Jan. 11 - First Baptist Church, Booneville; Jan. 12 - First, Batesville; Jan. 14 - First, Columbia; Jan. 15 - First, Meridian; Jan. 18 - First, Carthage; Jan. 19 - Liberty Church, Liberty; Jan. 21 - Durant Church, Durant; Jan. 22 - West Laurel Church, Laurel.

Church leaders of all denominations, parents and young people are invited to attend.

Dr. Hensley, who will direct the clinics, has participated in a number of seminars and workshops to gain "leadership information" on the drug abuse problem. "Drug Abuse" is one of the seven program assignments to the Christian Action Commission by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Dr. Hensley, in discussing the clinic, said that "Abuse of drugs has intensified in our state during the past twelve months and our efforts must be increased along with many other religious, educational and law enforcement groups to cope with a growing problem."



The principal program personalities at the dedication service for the Gilfof Progressive Care Unit at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson Sunday, Jan. 3 were, from left: Paul J. Pryor, administrator; Dr.

Chester Swor, speaker; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who led opening prayer; Zach Hederman, who presided, and Dr. Joe Tuten, who pronounced benediction. Open House followed the service.

Hospital Unit Dedicated

Sixty years of community service in the ministry of healing were marked by Mississippi Baptist Hospital Sunday, Jan. 3 with an open house at the hospital's new Gilfof Progressive Care Unit.

Zach Hederman, Jackson, president of the hospital board of trustees, were master of ceremonies for a brief service of dedication for the unit, which is especially designed for ambulatory patients.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, gave the dedication address, and Dr. Chester Swor, Jackson Baptist youth leader, made the dedicatory address.

Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, dedicated a prayer room honoring The Rev.

James B. Parker, who for many years was chaplain of the hospital.

On January 3, 1911, the Mississippi Baptist Convention obtained title to the hospital from two Jackson physicians who established it in 1909 - Dr. J. F. Hunter and Dr. H. R. Shands.

Descendants of these physicians, as

well as relatives and descendants of the hospital's various administrators, attended the anniversary observance and "open house."

Guests were greeted by Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital, and by other hospital personnel, who also conducted tours of the Gilfof Progressive Care Unit.

On display in the unit were drawings of "A Visit to The Hospital" done especially for the event by volunteer artists five through 12 years of age.

The best drawing in each age category was selected by a panel of judges including Mrs. Zach Hederman, Mrs. Frances Rembert and Mrs. J. B. Purvis, with Mrs. Hederman as chairman.

They announced the following winners:

Kevin Williams, age 5, 3332 Cherrywood, Jackson.

Jean Laird, age 6, 1515 Belle Glade, Jackson.

Michelle Millet, age 7, 408 Queen Theresa, Jackson.

Nicole Clark, age 8, 2267 Alta Wood, Jackson.

(No nine-year-old winner.)

Cindy Brown, age 10, 3804 West Capital, Jackson, and Keith Kirklin, age 10, of Indianola, tied.

Karen Holloway, age 11, 4039 Meadowlawn Drive, Jackson, and Judy Cook, age 11, 2741 Teresa Drive, Jackson, tied.

Mark Millet, age 12, 408 Queen Theresa, Jackson.

Transistor radios have been awarded to each winner.

Also on display was an exhibit of the hospital's history, featuring the different administrators, the various directors of the Gilfof School of Nursing (named for Mrs. Karenza Gilfof, long-time administrator of the hospital), and buildings past, present, and future.

Tours of the Gilfof Progressive Care Unit were conducted by Mrs. Kathryn Bush, head nurse for the unit, and by other personnel.

Evangelistic Meeting Hub City Feb. 1-3



Dr. John Havlik

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference will be held at the Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg Feb. 1-3, according to Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Over one thousand Mississippi Baptist pastors and other local church and associational leaders are expected to attend, Mr. Collum said.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the principal speaker, delivering three messages during the conference.

Dr. Criswell is a prime favorite in the state, having appeared many times in various meetings.

Dr. Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will lead evangelistic Bible study at each of the five sessions.

Dr. John Havlik, associate director of the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will speak three times.

Mississippi pastors who will speak once each are Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, and Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be in charge of conference music.

Congregational singing and special music is scheduled for each session. "Evangelizing in Openness and Freedom" will be the conference theme.

The conference will open with the Monday evening session and adjourn at the close of the Wednesday morning session.

Themes for each session will be as follows:

Monday evening, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Love;" Tuesday morning,

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Dr. W. A. Criswell

Youth Convention Closes On High Note In City Auditorium

The annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention came to a climatic close on Tuesday night, Dec. 29 in Jackson's new City Auditorium.

Approximately two thousand Baptist young people were present from every section of the state for the service that featured the presentation of "Now Hear It Again," by a 350-voice choir and a message by Rev. (Continued On Page 3)

Ten Top '70 Church-State Stories Revealed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) —

Americans United for Separation of Church and State called the referendum victories in Michigan and Nebraska which barred state subsidies to church schools the top church-state story of 1970.

The complete list of the ten top church-state stories, according to Americans United, follows:

1. Referendum victories in Michigan and Nebraska outlawing state grants to church schools.

2. Federal court decisions in Rhode Island and Connecticut and in the Supreme Court of Louisiana barring state grants to church schools.

3. Appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as the President's personal envoy to the Vatican.

4. The church-state conflict in Utah.

5. The Supreme Court decision in the Walz case upholding tax exemption for churches.

6. Parochialism defeated in 18 states, passed in one.

7. Americans United sues the Internal Revenue Service.

8. National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers oppose government aid to church schools.

9. Catholic Laymen demand financial reports from their church.

10. Justice Department intervenes in a lawsuit in support of government aid to church schools.

The 18 states in which parochialism was defeated are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Passed in New Jersey.

POAU Wins In Court

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS)—The United States Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio has reversed a lower federal court in Dayton and ordered

to trial a case brought by Americans United for Separation of Church and State and other plaintiffs challenging federal expenditures for books and other educational materials to be used in religious schools. Such forms of assistance have been provided since 1965 under Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The District Court had to refuse to consider the suit, holding that such forms of "student aid" had already been validated by the Supreme Court. But the Court of Appeals said not so, that the issue as to whether such aid is in violation of separation of church and state should be heard.

The Court of Appeals ruled on December 16 that the kind of church school aid begun provided by the federal government under Title II is one that raises a serious constitutional issue that should be resolved. Specifically, the court said that the "loaning of library books and mate-

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THE YOUTH CHOIR of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, directed by James Hayes, minister of music of the church, won first place in the State Youth Choir Festival Adjudication held just prior to

the State Youth Convention, and sang during the final session of the convention on Tuesday night. (Additional pictures on page 3).

Mobile Lab To Aid In Church Training

NASHVILLE — A mobile training lab has been custom-designed by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Convention as an aid for conference presentation of materials and techniques.

The 8 x 35 foot van will be used to test programs on selected groups and to display materials.

Rear screen projection is included in the van with three slide projectors, a movie camera and projector and a filmstrip projector.

A closed circuit television monitor called CCTV is included in the training unit.

The mobile lab will seat twelve persons. Audio-visual training devices will be programmed to run 45 minutes each in the areas of general church training, adult, youth, children and preschool training.

Church training department personnel plan to use the van in training sessions with local church groups, association meetings and state convention meetings.

Between scheduled meetings, the lab will be used for display and exhibit purposes in such places as shopping centers, state fairs and other public places to make persons aware of Southern Baptists' church training program.



STANDING NEAR NEW MOBILE training lab is Kermit S. King, director, church training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



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Ingram Elected New Oklahoma Executive

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — The assistant executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Joe L. Ingram, has been elected as executive secretary — treasurer of the convention to succeed T. B. Lackey who is retiring in September 1971.

Ingram, 50, has been assistant executive secretary of the convention for the past ten years.

His election by the Executive Board of the Convention is contingent upon ratification by the state convention when it meets in Oklahoma City next November. Ingram will assume the position Sept. 4, 1971, the effective date of Lackey's retirement.

Most of the time during the meeting of the convention's Executive Board here was spent, not on the election of a top executive, but on debating a committee's proposals to limit the length of skirts and other attire to four inches above the knee at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly, the convention's summer encampment in the Arbuckle Mountains.

After more than an hour's debate with at least five different motions,

amendments and substitute proposals, the board finally approved the dress code proposed by the Falls Creek Assembly committee.

In the major action, the board paid tribute to Lackey for his 45 years of service to Oklahoma Baptists as pastor, district missionary and state convention official. Lackey was assistant executive secretary of the convention, as was Ingram, before his election as executive secretary 19 years ago. His retirement is effective on his 20th anniversary.

TRENDS IN SUICIDE — An estimated 22,200 persons in the U. S. committed suicide in 1969. The number of such deaths has not been below 20,000 since 1961. The actual toll from suicide is probably higher, because many self-inflicted deaths are not recorded as such. The suicide rate in the U. S. was relatively constant during the 1960s, having risen slightly since 1957, when it reached the lowest level in half a century. To be specific, in 1969 the rate stood at 10.9 per 100,000, or 11 percent higher than in 1957.

Foundation Earns Record Return Rate

NASHVILLE (BP) — The executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation told the agency's board of directors here that the foundation had earned a record average rate of return on investments last year, despite fluctuations and deterioration in the market.

Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer of the foundation, said in the annual report to the directors that though the past year was not the most productive or satisfying in the agency's history, "taking it as a whole and relatively speaking we should be content with its outcome."

During the past year, the total trust corpus administered by the foundation for Southern Baptist causes decreased to \$11,020,708, a drop of \$122,076 from last year's total of \$10,898,632.

Berry said that the main reason for the decrease in total trust corpus was because of market deterioration, and because two SBC agencies, the Stewardship and Brotherhood Commissions, withdrew their reserves.

Berry quickly pointed out that the foundation did have \$98,610 more earnings in 1970 than during 1969. Earnings for 1970 totaled \$601,330 compared to \$504,729 last year.

Berry said that the shrinkage in values was "paper losses, and in our opinion will come back, as, in fact, it is already doing."

He pointed out that 97 per cent of the funds in the market showed a loss for the year, but comparatively, the foundation's paper losses were less than average "largely due to the fine business acumen of the group of men on the foundation's executive committee who treat Southern Baptist Foundation investments quite conservatively, ever realizing that all funds entrusted to it are sacred trust funds."

He reminded the directors that from May, 1969 to June 1970, Dow-Jones industrial averages slipped from the 970s to 630s, a deterioration of 35 per

cent. "The foundation has a better record than the Dow-Jones averages, although it is not without scars of battle—down about 18 per cent against 23 per cent for the averages."

At the present, however, most of these losses have been recovered due to a strong market in bonds and common stocks, he added.

Despite the fluctuations in the market, the foundation earned an average rate of return of 6.02 per cent on investments from its general fund, a record percentage. Last year the average rate of return was a record 5.99 per cent.

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M. E. Perry Re-Enters Evangelism Field

Rev. M. E. (Otis) Perry, has been assigned as pastor of South Corinth Baptist Church, Corinth, to re-enter the field of evangelism.

He is also open now for pulpit supply and pastoral work.

His address is 1212 Ridge Avenue, Greenville, Miss.

and which require the convening of a three-judge District Court for determination."

Franklin C. Salisbury, general counsel for Americans United, issued the following statement: "We are, of course, deeply gratified at the action of the Court of Appeals. Separation of church and state is far too serious and important a possession to be frittered away without any serious and careful consideration of what we are about. Now the court has provided us with the opportunity to show exactly how the federal government is aiding church schools in these Title II programs. This is another in the pattern of court decisions which has been generally favorable to separatists. Our people are not ready to surrender their heritage."

Americans United Challenge New Jersey's Parochial Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State announces that it has filed suit in the United States District Court of the District of New Jersey to challenge the constitutionality of a law recently passed by the New Jersey Legislature and signed by Governor Cahill which provides an initial \$9.5 million for the support of parochial schools.

The plaintiffs are Americans United, Virginia Hale Stutesman, Andrew P. Gregg and Jo C. Kotula. Defendants are George F. Kugler, Attorney General, Joseph McCrane, Treasurer and Carl L. Marburger, Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey.

Franklin C. Salisbury, the organization's general counsel, issued the following statement:

"We feel that the law providing state funds for parochial schools is definitely unconstitutional and that it would quickly undermine our entire tradition of the separation of church and state. Our members and chapters in the state have asked that we join them in a lawsuit seeking to overturn this law which unjustly taxes them for church schools whose doctrines they cannot accept."

"We expect to be successful in this suit, particularly in view of the out-

come of three similar suits recently brought in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Louisiana. Two Federal District Courts and the Supreme Court of Louisiana struck down as unconstitutional parochial laws similar to New Jersey's."

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"Open to the Needs of Humanity;" Tuesday afternoon, "Openness to New Opportunities in Evangelism;" Tuesday evening, "Openness to the Urgency of Evangelism;" Wednesday morning, "Praying the Lord of the Harvest."

Local arrangements are being cared for by the host church, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, and Lebanon Baptist Association, Dr. Joel D. Ray, superintendent of missions.

A display listing of motels is carried in another column in this issue and those wishing to stay in motels are asked to contact the one of their choice.

Writing Contest For Girls

A creative writing competition for girls age 12-17 has been announced by Woman's Missionary Union.

The contest is being conducted by Accent, the magazine for Acteens. Miss Oneta Gentry, the editor of Accent, said entries should be on one of the following subjects: nature, people, buildings, or books. Writing submitted must be completely original and may be of any length. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1971.

Miss Gentry said winners will be announced in the September 1971 issue of Accent. Winning compositions will be published in Accent.

Trip Of A Lifetime

The editor and a few friends have been discussing the possibility of a special tour of the Holy Land next June for participation in the World Congress on Prophecy (which is to be held in Jerusalem) and several days visiting important Biblical sites in the land.

The time now has come when final decision must be made as to whether the tour will materialize. Confirmation must be made very soon on hotel and plane space, which has been reserved.

A number of persons have revealed an interest, but we must have others, and solid confirmations NOW if the tour is to be made. We believe that there are pastors and laymen in the state who would like to join the tour, but have not yet revealed that desire. We also believe that there are church members who would like to see their pastor, since it is a trip of a lifetime.

Plans for the tour would include the full three days of the

prophecy meeting, plus plenty of time for a full tour of the land. News reports reveal that with the opening of new highways and tourist facilities, the nation of Israel is making easily accessible many areas where most tourists have been unable to go in the past.

For those who do not desire to attend the conference, there will be extra time for visiting more sites in Jerusalem or taking extra side trips.

The tour also would include overnight stops and brief visits in at least two European cities, as the party travels to and from the Bible lands.

This will be a top quality tour under the direction of Bryan Tours of Jackson. It will last approximately 15 to 18 days and will cost less than \$1,000, including all expenses, except personal ones, from Jackson or other mid-South cities and return.

If you are interested write or call the editor, Dr. Joe Odle, immediately.

Youth Congress President

PRESIDENT PROTEMPORE for the Mississippi Youth Congress, Jerry McBride of Jackson, holds the distinction of being the only person ever to have held the two highest offices in the Congress. While a student at Wingfield High School, Jerry was elected Speaker of the House and now a sophomore at Mississippi College was elected to President ProTem of the Senate. The House is the body for high school participants while the senate chamber is occupied by college students. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis N. McBride of Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Durham Assumes Post With Annuity Board

DALLAS (BP) — Frank L. Durham, a Dallas layman, will join the Southern Baptist Annuity Board staff on January 1, 1971, as the new senior vice president in charge of investments, the agency's top executive announced.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer, said the 56-year old

Church That Splits Over Rejection, Meets. And Calls Pastor

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — A new church organized from about 300 people who walked out of the First Baptist Church here when the church refused to accept Negro members was chartered and dedicated here, just after it called J. Herbert Gilmore as pastor.

The new pastor of the Baptist Church of the Covenant, organized with 316 charter members including the two Negroes who were rejected by downtown church, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church.

During the service held to charter and dedicate the church, the dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, William E. Hull, told members of the new church they would be

despised and ridiculed by many in the institutional church.

Hull told members of the Baptist Church of the Covenant not to despair, however, for "it pleases God to use the despised."

Hull traced the development and decline of the national Israel, observing that the congregation of God is "forged in the furnace of crisis."

"Indeed, it is characteristic of the church to be born on a cross, for the church is the response of God to the plight of man. Not because circumstances are opportune, but precisely because they are desperate, does this pilgrim company appear on the scene," he continued.

Hull, a native of Birmingham, reassured the congregation that "if you have your back against the wall, you are in good company."

He warned the members of the church, however, against rejecting "the larger congregation" because "the few" are always formed out of "the many" and exist for their renewal. "Cut off from the whole church, the remnant lives without mission and therefore without hope," Hull cautioned.

Prior to the dedication service, the group held a business session voting unanimously to call Gilmore as pastor, and accepting 41 additional members to the charter list, bringing the total of 316 charter members. Twenty applicants are also awaiting membership.

The members also approved payment of checks to the local Baptist association, to the state convention, and to the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion.

Former Fifth Circuit Court Judge H. H. Grooms, now retired, and chairman of the deacons for the Baptist Church of the Covenant, presented checks to George Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention in the amount of \$1,000 for the Alabama and Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, plus \$1,292 for the SBC Lottie Moon Christ-

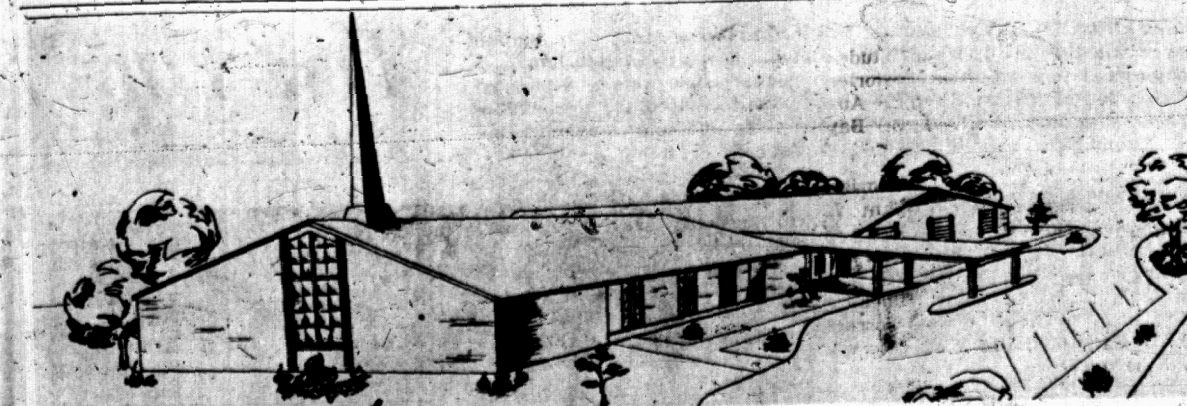
mas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The church also presented a check to the Birmingham Baptist Association, and indicated a desire to participate in the local association.

While participation in the Alabama and Southern Baptist Convention hinge primarily on financial contributions, participation in the local association depends on a vote of the annual association meeting next Novem-

ber.

The church is temporarily meeting in the chapel of the Baptist building, where offices of the association are housed, but the chapel is not large enough to accommodate the crowds. A committee has been appointed to work out arrangements for a meeting place, with services scheduled for the last two Sundays in December at Temple Emanu-El, a Jewish synagogue.



Hanging Moss Church Constituted In North Jackson

On November 29 Hanging Moss Church, Jackson, was officially organized and constituted. The church called Rev. Robert H. Perry as pastor and Gene Rester as minister of music and youth. At the close of the service the church received 82 charter members.

Hanging Moss Church in the Hanging Moss area of North Jackson, one

of the fastest growing areas of Jackson, will be built on Hanging Moss Road on the Woodlea subdivision side.

The Fidelity Plan, Inc. of Church Finance, East Point, Georgia will supply the \$250,000.00 bond issue and the church will begin selling the 7 1/2% bonds in January. Harold Brumfield is architect.

The church voted to give 10% of its

unified budget to the Cooperative Program, and set a Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal of \$500, which they went over by about \$50.

Hanging Moss Church is temporarily meeting in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 643 Beasley Road. Sunday School at 8 a. m.; morning worship at 8:45; evening worship at 6; and Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p. m.



IN PHOTO at left Rev. Douglas Watterson, of Tallahassee, Fla., principal Youth Convention speaker, brings meeting to a close with a message in Jackson's City Auditorium. In center photo Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, host to the Convention, welcomes several

persons to the meeting Monday. From left: Dr. Tuten; Dana Miers; Mackie Dennis, both of Greenville; Norman Rodgers, Jackson, associate in Church Training Department; and Billy Jack Green, minister of music of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson. In Photo at right a 350-voice choir, un-

der direction of Elwyn Raymer of Nashville, Tenn., sings "Now Hear It Again" during the closing session of the Convention.

The Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention In Word And Picture

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Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., the principal speaker for the convention.

About a dozen young people came forward following Mr. Watterson's appeal to "Follow Christ For Salvation."

Also appearing on the program was the youth choir of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, which was declared the first place winner in the youth choir festival adjudication, held Monday morning under direction of Eddie Prather, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.

James Hayes, director of the choir, was awarded a plaque at the beginning of the service.

The opening prayer was rendered by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The convention began Monday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock. All day sessions were held at Calvary Baptist Church with the two night meetings

conducted in the new Jackson City Auditorium.

The convention, previously sponsored by the Church Training Department, Kermit King, Director was expanded this year and jointly sponsored by that department and the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

This year's program included inspirational messages, drama, music, recreation, testimonies, conferences and a coffee house.

One of the features on Monday evening was the personal Christian testimony of Miss Chris McClamrock, of Columbus, "Miss Mississippi" for 1970-71.

She declared that "lovingly in the hands of the Father, I place myself and all my affairs, and know that which is my highest goal shall come to pass."

Continuing, she said:

"So many of us spend precious time trying to reform ourselves whereas when we give our lives to Christ, He transforms us."

"So many young people are looking for freedom in sex, drugs, etc. The only real freedom is only found in Christ."

The other three youth choirs that were rated second, third and fourth in the adjudication and also sang during the convention, were as follows:

Second place — First, Greenville, Kenneth Forbus, director; third — Pound of Pop, Daniel Memorial, Jackson, Billy Jack Green, director, and fourth — Chapel Choir, First, Pontotoc, Mrs. Levon Moore, director.

Other out-of-state program personalities were Frank Grayum and Elwyn Raymer, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Joe Mason, minister of youth and recreation, First Baptist Church, all of Nashville, Tenn.

The Pilgrim 20 Singers of Wichita, Kansas, sang on Monday evening.

Norman Rodgers, associate in Church Training Department, served as general coordinator for the convention; while Billy Jack Green, minister of music, Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, was general coordinator of the convention's music committee.

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yearn for the "good old days"? Well, let us not forget that in the 1860's more people were killed than in the 1960's. In proportion to population there were more dope addicts in the early 1900's than we have today. If you will get copies of papers dated in the early years of this century and change the date on them, you could buy them on the street corner as up-to-date news. The front page then was about gangsters, murderers, etc. Then it was (1914) Mexico challenging our Navy, or a Pueblo crisis. The front page cry then was to impeach President Wilson. Many cannot remember or have not learned from history about World War I; the Teapot Dome; the stock market crash with great numbers of previously wealthy people committing suicide; the soup lines; unemployment; Veteran's March on Washington; World War II with the awful bombings of England, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki. I can remember much of this and cannot get too thrilled over the "good old days." America has experienced worse days than today and thank God she has come through the darkest of them. I am in accord with a friend who said recently, "At no time in history has there been a better nation. Nor is there now."

In the February 2, 1970, issue of U. S. News and World Report there was an advertisement for "What's Right With America." It was pointed out that we do have our ghettos, yet tens of millions are being moved by businesses to rebuild slums with modern homes. In the past ten years the median Negro family income has risen to \$3,500.00 a year and the number

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earning \$7,000 has doubled. The report was that 70 per cent consider religion very important and 45 per cent of Americans attend church. It can't all be bad when 50 million Americans attend church. It can't all be bad when 50 million Americans donate time and \$17,600,000,000 last year to charity. This giving figure is from the July 13, 1970, issue of U. S.

"My Witness To Hope" Theme Of Student Conferences

NASHVILLE — "My Witness to Hope" will be the theme of Student Conferences Aug. 19-25 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly and Aug. 28-Sept. 1 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Program personalities at Glorieta for Student Week include William L. Hendricks, professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, who will lead the Bible study, and Don Blackley, minister of music at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., who will lead the music.

Leading the Bible study sessions at Ridgecrest will be Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Highlighting the week at Ridgecrest will be a "Festival of Fine Arts," which will feature art, drama, prose, poetry, sculpture and other artistic work of students.

For registration and reservations information, write to Reservations at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770; or Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

News and World Report.

Some of the prophecy today is accurate and should be listened to. Some of the predictions are in error. In I Samuel 27:1 we find these words, "And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul." David was mistaken. He lived many years after Saul's tragic death. Great and godly men at times, unfortunately, express views which are not essentially correct. Elijah cried out, "I and I only am left," but God showed him how wrong he was.

During World War I and especially in the beginning of the conflict, the hear old pastor in my home church where I was baptized and licensed to

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peach said repeatedly that it was the "Battle of Armageddon." Just before Italy got into World War II, there were many sermons from pulpits, pamphlets, periodicals, and radios, messages declaring that "Armageddon" was shaping up. Many took the position that Mussolini was the anti-christ and that as soon as the other nations had bled themselves white, then he would move in as the dominant power of the world. Yes, good people were in error.

I thought it was, rather unfortunate about four years ago was predicting that "Christianity will be about extinct by 2,000 A. D." This prediction was based primarily on the Christian population ratio and the shift of people from rural to city life. Here again was a great man in error. I seek not to trust myself into debate with those whom I greatly admire and respect. Neither do I deny much logic given by those who so interpret developments. Neither do I stick my head into the sand and deny the fact that sin is rampant and the work of Christ is difficult. Yet, I think we usually find about what we look for. We may completely focus our eyes on one view and fail to see the other facts.

Have we forgotten that there was a man by the name Voltaire who falsely predicted that the Bible would soon be an unheard of book, but the printing press upon which his statements were printed has since printed the Word of God? Have we forgotten that a man by the name of Tom Payne made the prophesy in 1809 that in 100 years the Bible would be found only in museums where people would go to see that quaint old book held to by tradition for so long? He owned the printing press upon which his false prophecy was printed, and since then it has printed the Bible. One hundred sixty-one years have passed and people do not have to go to museums today to find that quaint old book.

Have we forgotten that there was a "powerful, highhanded government," when Christ and the early disciples walked in Palestine? There was strife in the New Testament churches. Persecution was common for Christians. By the end of the first century they had experienced the terrible tyranny of Herod, Nero, Domitian, and oth-

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ers. In the Roman empire there were 100,000,000 slaves and only one-tenth of one per cent were Christians. They did not say, "We are so weak; we are so few; we are defeated; and the cause of Christ is about finished."

Have we forgotten that up to 1776 it was against the laws of all the American colonies except four to profess, publish, or practice the Baptist faith? That we may see some of the severity of the laws we observe that in Virginia for a period of 153 years, from 1623 to 1776; "Every plantation must provide a place for worship; the worship must be according to the canon law of the Church of England."

The law specified that "every person regardless of his own religious views must attend worship on Sunday, conducted by a Church of England minister. The fine for absence from worship one Sunday was one pound of tobacco and absence for one month fifty pounds of tobacco. Though many of the Church of England ministers drank and gambled openly any person who dared to offer criticism of their conduct had to make a public apology and was fined five hundred pounds of tobacco.

In 1643 it was the law of the Colony that all ministers of all denominations other than the Church of England be forbidden to preach the gospel, teach, perform marriage ceremonies, and bury the dead. The governor and all other executive officers were required to imprison, publicly whip, and brand with a hot iron all Baptists, Quakers, and Roman Catholics who refused to comply with the laws and forms of worship of the Church of England.

All who refused to have their babies christened by the Church of England, regardless of their own faith, were fined two thousand pounds of tobacco. The Act of Toleration, 1689, gave some Presbyterians, Quakers, and a few others permits to preach. Dr. Hawks, the Episcopal historian, says that, "no dissenters in Virginia experienced harsher treatment than did the Baptists." They were beaten, imprisoned, and cruelly taxed. The State exhausted its ingenuity to devise new modes of punishment and annoyance. Preachers like John Waller, Lewis Craig, James Fairchild, and others were imprisoned and promised release if they would not preach any more their strange message of religious liberty.

Great statesmen, including James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry, joined hands with the persecuted and helped to bring about on June 12, 1776, the Sixteenth Ar-

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ticle of the Bill of Rights of the Virginia Constitution. With the passage of this bill full religious liberty came to the people. We will observe that freedom of worship came as a result of great sacrifice on the part of many.

These are the good NOW days. Let us remember that there are millions of good, dedicated, consecrated Christians who are not Baptist. Yet, Southern Baptists alone number about eleven and a half million. We should be concerned when baptisms decrease. Yet, we should thank God for the fact that Baptists alone have baptized more than a thousand persons per day for many years, and more than 300

000 per year for the past twenty years. Southern Baptists alone gave \$794,947,751 in 1968 (the latest figures I have) to the cause of Christ. It was right for us to be distressed when we heard of the decrease in enrollment in our seminaries, but have we rejoiced, thanked God and told the good news about the increases? The seminary enrollment increased by 459 in 1967 and increased by 447 more in 1968. Never before have we had as many missionaries, both home and foreign, as we have right now.

In 1969 Mississippi Baptists numbered 531,206. We gave \$6,580,305 (associational letter report) to missions, which was an increase of \$541,560. An increase of more than a half million in one year should cause us to praise God rather than singing the blues. We had 268 ministerial students in our Baptist colleges in Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptists are rightfully proud of our great Baptist Record and appreciate the wonderful editor and his most helpful editorialists. In one of his tremendous editorials of recent date, "Is This The Best Way?", Dr. Odle factually reminds us of

some areas of our Baptist life where much improvement is needed. I hope you caught the thrill that I did when we were told that "something is being done about it!" He stated also that, "Liberalism is not gaining ground, but actually losing it in the Convention right now." We need to thank God, rededicate ourselves to Him, and give all that is within us in a great conquest for Christ.

As God's people we have too often become self-appointed inspectors of carbuncles and warts. We need to come from under the juniper tree. God is not dead and His church is not going to die. We have become ex-

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remely poor salesmen for Christ. A lost world will never be attracted by us as long as we mournfully advertise our defeats. I am tired of and I believe God is displeased with a neg-

ative approach. The early disciples did not sit around and curse Rome. Like Napoleon's drummer boys who could not beat a retreat but could beat a charge that would raise the dead, I, too, am ready to beat a charge for Christ. These are the marvelous NOW days!

O Church of Christ, awake, awake! And arm thyself with his own power.

The hosts of sin are pressing hard to win.

The conflict of the hour.

O Church of Christ thy foes are great.

The battle calls for strength divine.

Omnipotence is thy defense.

Let all His power and strength he thine.

Then seek through prayer the promised aid.

The arm of flesh is sure to fail.

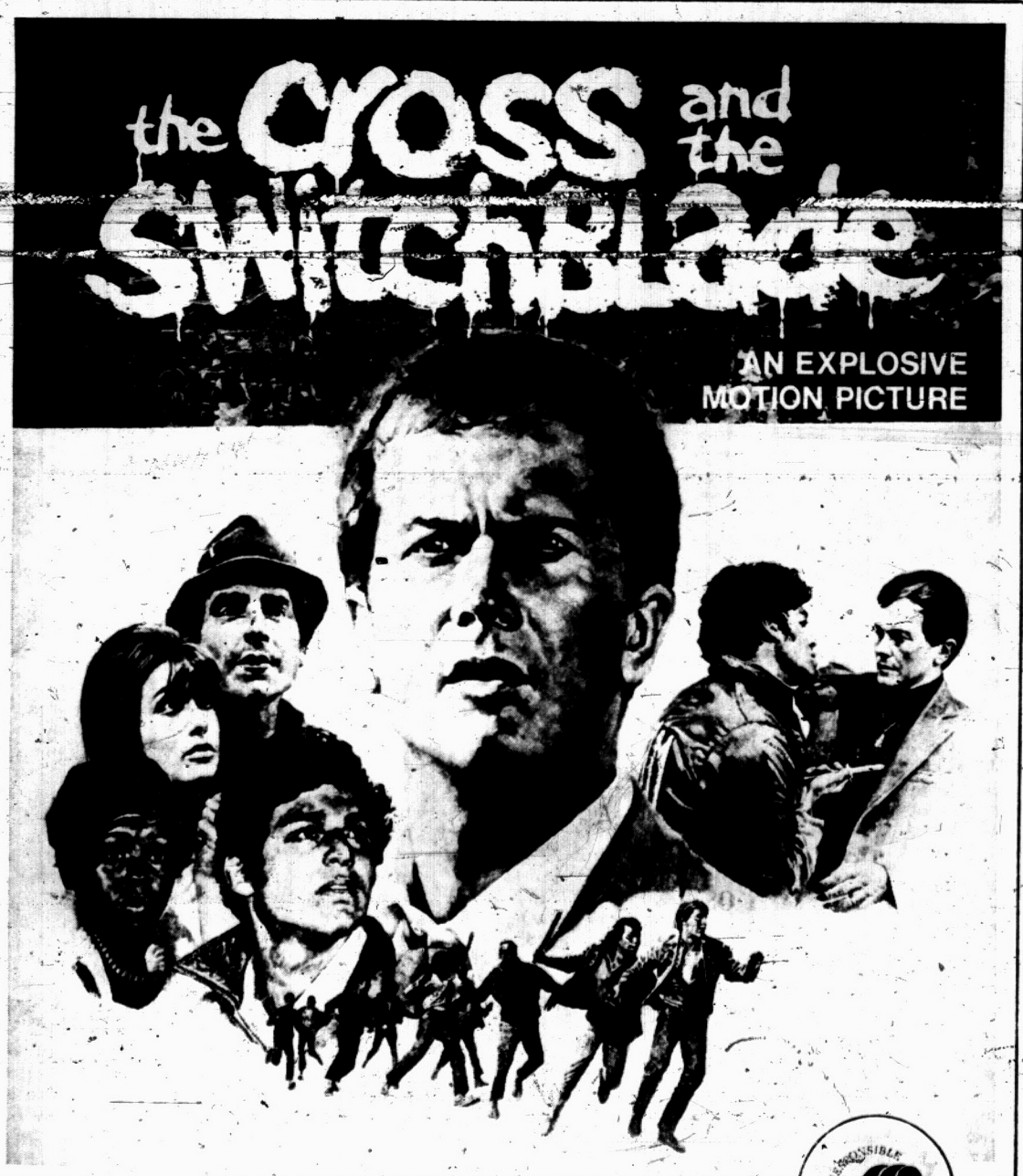
But armed with God's eternal power The church both must and shall prevail.

Then up and to the battle's front.

Alert and eager to the fray.

Strong in the strength of His great might

Stand fast and watch and fight and pray."



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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

A Salute To Baptist Hospital

We join with others in saluting one of Mississippi Baptists' greatest institutions, the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, in the observance, last Sunday, of its 60th anniversary as a Baptist institution.

With an open house inn the Gilroy Progressive Care Unit, the newest major addition to the hospital, the administration and trustees invited friends and the general public to share in its celebration. Many came, and it was a time of celebration, dedication, and anticipation, as the illustrious past was reviewed, a new section for better service in the present was dedicated, and

the plans for an even greater future were anticipated.

Baptist Hospital has rendered a mighty service to Mississippi during these sixty years. From the tiny beginning in 1910, it has become one of the great hospitals of this area of the South today. Hundreds of thousands of people can lift their hearts in gratitude to God for its ministry.

We salute the trustees, the administration, the staff, and all who have a part in the ministry of this great Mississippi Baptist institution, in this hour of achievement, and join with them in a prayer for the guidance of God as they look to even greater service in the future.

"...By My Spirit"

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists are like a mighty locomotive creeping slowly down the track. The engine has all of the potential for moving much faster, but a shortage of power limits its speed.

Southern Baptists (and in this and all further references Mississippi Baptists are included) have the assets and resources necessary for great advance in the task the Lord has given them. They have the promises of God; Christ is above all in their life and ministry; they have the promised presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit; they have the Bible; they have the gospel; they have churches, people and program. Even from a human point of view there is no reason that they should not be doing mighty work in God's kingdom.

And they are such a people. One cannot discount all that they are doing, and have been doing in spiritual achievement. One has only to examine the record, or take a close look at the churches spread all across the continent, and at the program which reaches around the world, to know that God is using this denomination in an effective manner.

The problem is that they are not reaching their potential. Instead of racing forward for God they are only limping. Advance there is (in most areas), but it is not the type of advance which is worthy of such a people. They are crawling when they should be walking. They are walking when they should be flying.

The problem is power. Spiritual needs are accomplished only through spiritual power. It is not human organization or instrumentality which advances the kingdom of God. These are important and also are essential, for God uses men and organizations and plans. However, like the mighty engine, all of the machinery is lifeless until power surges through it. Great spiritual victories can be won only through spiritual power. Until Southern Baptists have that, they will continue to achieve little victories, instead of the tremendous ones of which they are capable.

"In The Church"

The work of the Lord Jesus Christ is to center in his churches. That was his purpose from the beginning. Paul said, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." (Eph. 3:21)

The Lord established the church as an institution and entrusted his work to it. It was through the churches that he planned for his work to be done. If the world was to know the Word of God it was to be through the churches. If it was to be evangelized it was to be through the churches. If God was to be glorified it was to be through the churches. What an awesome responsibility this places upon them.

Without question the churches have failed in doing all that the Lord meant for them to do. Tragically, it appears that in some cases he has had to get somebody else to do his work. Other organizations and groups have been formed, to do that which the churches were commanded to do.

Yet, God has not closed the doors to the churches. He gives them now another year. It can be a better year, a more effective year, if the churches accept their

Power is available. "I will not leave you orphans," said the Lord to his little church in the beginning. "I will come unto you." (John 14:19 literal translation) the context reveals that he was asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit to "abide" with the church "forever." And the Holy Spirit is with us today. It is His power and leadership, which Southern Baptists need in 1971, more than anything else.

In the Holy Spirit's power Southern Baptists can see revival sweeping their churches. They can see their organizations grow. They can see baptisms increase. They can see every financial need met. They can see their influence sweeping the nation and the world. In the Holy Spirit's power advance can begin and accelerate to unbelievable speeds. There is no other way that it can be done. All of the human effort that may be used will be futile, unless it is empowered by the Lord himself through the Spirit.

How can this happen? How can we have this power? It is not something to be seized or appropriated. It must be given by the Spirit himself, and that will not happen, until we become instruments, fully yielded to him. The Holy Spirit is not something or someone we can use. We must be instruments whom he can use. Our task is to confess our sins, yield our all completely to him, allow him to cleanse our hearts and fill us with his own power, and then use us in his own way. When this happens preachers will preach with new power, teachers will teach with new effectiveness, and suddenly the world will know that the church and denomination is on "fire," and that world will sit up and listen.

There is no other way; absolutely no other. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. 4:6)

If Southern Baptists accept the Lord's way in 1971, this will be a year of victory and advance. If they do not, it will be another year of frustration and defeat. The decision as to what it will be is up to us! The Lord is ready!

responsibility.

Of course, this includes every pastor; but it is not simply the pastors. It includes the deacons, but they are not the only ones responsible. God's command to his churches includes every member. Think what would happen in 1971 if EVERY member of EVERY Southern Baptist church (this in no way excludes others, but simply points up our responsibility concerning ourselves) began to seek to "glorify" God through his church. This would be done in attendance, in prayer, in tithes and offerings, in use of talents, in witness and in Christian living. Truly there would be advance, such as we have not known before.

At the state convention session in November, the Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, challenged Mississippi Baptists to make a 10% advance in their work in the new year. Has that advance begun? If it has not, this new year date is a great time to begin it.

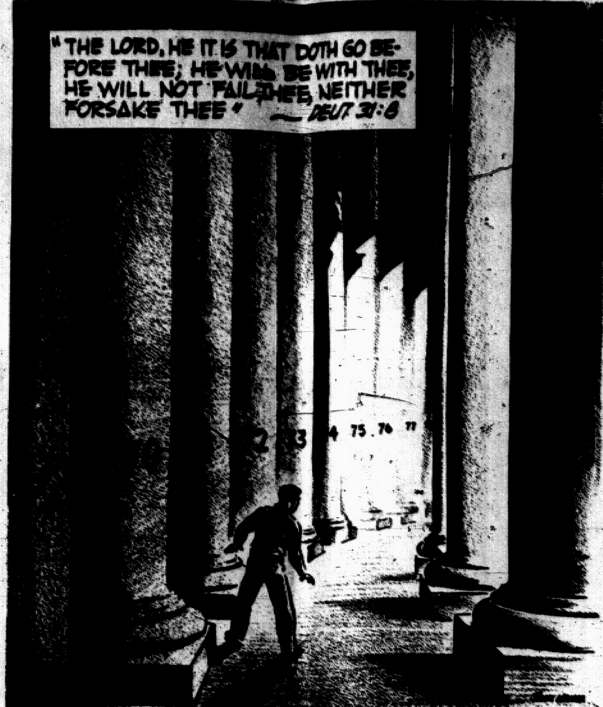
God can be glorified in Mississippi Baptist churches in 1971 if they allow his Spirit to fill and lead. But the time to begin is now!

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DOWN THE CORRIDORS OF TIME



NEWEST BOOKS

WHERE GOD COMES IN THE Divine Plus in Counseling by Wm. E. Crane (Word Books, Publishers 147 pages, \$3.95).

Sooner or later every Christian counselor finds himself praying, "O God, give me wisdom." With simplicity Dr. Crane points to the Divine "Plus" in the person of the Holy Spirit, "the third function or aspect of God." He came, as Jesus promised, to be the Comforter or Counselor to His disciples. In the chapter Establishing an Empathetic Relationship, which is worth the price of the book—the author asserts, "There is an on-goingness in love which knows no limit to its endurance. The counselor

must learn to endure all sorts of things in his counselees. He need to trust his counselee, who may be deceptive and insincere. He, the counselor, must have an unflinching trust in the presence and power of the Wonderful Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who is ready and willing to change the counselee from an untrustworthy person to a person of integrity and honor, through the instrument of the counselor." The case histories are quite good. This is a valuable book for anyone who listens to the "heart cry" of troubled people. (JT)

LOVE, HONOR AND . . . ? (Revel, \$3.50, 63 pp.).

The author explores human relationship within marriage and the home with cheerful insight, using the ancient wisdom of Proverbs as a guide. This lighthearted book takes a look at the little family problems that can cause "big ones" when left unresolved. It is illustrated with delightful cartoons by Bill Bryant. The author is the daughter of the late Roland Leavell.

FOR INSTANCE edited by Donald T. Kauffman (Doubleday, 263 pp., \$5.95).

Current insights and quotations on more than two hundred topics. A compilation of what is being said today on many subjects. The jacket says that the book provides "current insights, anecdotes, quotations, questions for teachers, ministers, speakers, and discussion leaders. It is called

Working Minister, and the busy minister will find himself reaching for on numerous occasions.

THINGS I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT by Emma Viola Hollinger (Good News, 96 pp., paper 50c). The author says that children are eager to know God's truths and to have answers concerning many things about Jesus and the Bible. Here in a very effective manner, the author tells about how children learn many things about the Bible and its truths. Presented in story form so that it can effectively be used with children and read by them.

PLANTS OF THE BIBLE by Louis Untermyer (Golden Press, 850 Third Avenue, N. Y., N. Y., \$1.95).

Mr. Untermyer, the famous poet, critic, and anthologist, here tells the story of the Bible's choice botanical specimens. The plants are illustrated by Anne Ophelia Dowden's exquisite paintings. This beautiful little book would be an excellent gift selection.

FROM THE APPLE TO THE MOON by Annie Valletton (Abingdon Press, \$2.75).

To follow human nature or to follow the Spirit—man is free to choose the way he will go. Here, in simple but, forceful drawings and few words, is the story of humanity searching for meaning. Miss Valletton possesses an extraordinary talent of communication. Her drawings capture an attitude or essence to express her ideas. Her illustrations have become familiar to more than seventeen million readers in Good News for Modern Man, The New Testament in Today's English Version.

This is the secret of a new beginning, the only place to start. And it's the only way the Christian faith changes anyone. You establish the relationship. You come alive to life—God's and your own. You give thought and attention to it. And one day down the road, someone says, "Say, have you noticed how different he is from the way he used to be?"



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Christmas Was . . .

Christmas was a catch in my breath when I put away all the food we brought in from the grocery store for the holidays (and pounds on our middles after we ate it).

Christmas was a blast when all our Trenor cousins and parts of their families came to our house (and a disaster area after they left).

Christmas was a fear in my heart when time seemed too short (and a sigh of relief when it came out just right).

Christmas was a joy-tear in my eye when our two teenage boys took money of their own hand bought Santa Claus for some needy children they heard about.

Christmas was a frustration when I could not find out by pinching, punching, shaking, mashing, and begging—for the first time, ever, what James's gift for me under the tree was.

Christmas was a great big laugh when a grocer, whose supply of peanuts-for-parching I keep low, brought us a 50-lb. sack of peanuts-for-parching.

Christmas was candle glow on faces across tables-full of food and rooms-full of friends.

Christmas was families—first, mine; then, ours; then, his—all together.

Christmas was confiscating a jar of firecrackers from the middle boy's suitcase before he left for the Youth Convention.

Christmas was chaperoning at the Youth Convention—finding delight and hope in our new Baptist generation (but finding no sleep).

Christmas was un-decorating, putting the pretties away again, a tree

with un-melting snow and icicles leaning against the garbage can.

Christmas was energy worn into exhaustion, cheerfulness strained into shortness, exhaustion banished by resting; shortness banished by love, each emotion bouncing between its poles.

Christmas was great, all in all. Christmas does for me in an intense, annual way the same thing Sunday does for me in a normal, weekly way. Christmas is the time I sort of clean out whatever in my heart equals the cabinets in my kitchen.

Nothing gets quite so messy as kitchen cabinets, unless it is hearts. So, when I sort myself out at Christmas, it is as simple as the cleaning out of kitchen cabinets—keeping some things as irreplaceable, replacing some things with new, throwing some things away, putting things in their proper places.

All this is done in the light of God's love for me which He expressed in the gift of Christ, and in the light of the teachings of the Bible. This helps me to keep in mind what life is really all about. Christmas reminds me that God is eternal, and because I have accepted Christ's sacrifice, I am eternal, too. Thus, I begin each new year refreshed and rested in the Lord, knowing I can, with His help, live in this mess of a world, able to love in the face of hatred, able to believe in the face of disbelief, and able to delight in the joy of faith in the face of doubt.

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Youth Convention--Spoke To Youth

Dear Editor,

We were spiritually moved by the recent Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention and felt it good to express our joy. The program was well geared to the needs of youth. Douglas Watterson's messages were accurate in their analysis of the present situation of the church. This analysis was briefly expressed by Graham Hales who stated that, "radical surgery is necessary." Mr. Watterson suggested that the ans-

wer will come from within. On an individual basis all Christians must begin "living in the Spirit of Christ." Other program features strengthened Mr. Watterson's thoughts.

The "Pilgrim 20" brought the Spirit's reality to the fore. With loud sound, long hair, rock and a Christian witness and message, they spoke to the youth in our language. This combination in itself is a rare spectacle. But their message quickly outshone the outward appearances. The convention attendees were rapidly impressed with the sincerity of the group in sharing the Christ-life they had found through the Holy Spirit.

The "Pilgrim 20" accomplished their goals easily, because of the short communication gap. Their first point was that Christ is Lord and Savior. Second, the Holy Spirit is our present guide in daily life. Third, the Spirit guides us into brotherly love with a Christian inspiration and background.

We appreciate the planning and opportunities of these sessions, and thank those responsible. It would seem, however, wise to include youth in the planning and analysis stages. Thank you for your attention and concern.

David B. Jones
John G. McCall III
First Baptist Church
Vicksburg, Miss.

For too long our churches have retreated into the security of their four walls. They need to break through their niceties and encounter people with the gospel where they are and as they are.—Bob Harrington in "God's Super Salesman," a Broadman book.

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Not Our Resolves, But Our Redeemer-- The Only Remedy For Sin

By Barlette Palmberg
THIS YEAR has been pretty much of a washout. I had great intentions, but I haven't been able to carry them through. Believe me, I've got enough resolutions for ten men!

As he said it, his face displayed regret -- regret that the resolves of a year ago had so quickly and easily faded from purpose and memory. Now with almost a sigh of despair he proposed another year of pulling at his own moral bootstraps in a hopeless effort to rise above the moral morass in which he found himself. The muscles along the line of his jaw showed determination, but the dull-

ness in his eyes betrayed a lack of hope. What he needed was not a new leaf to turn over but a new life to live!

For most of us the new year pre-tends to offer just such a fresh, clean start, but we enter the year with the unwashed linen of the one gone by. The new chapter in our lives does not really have a chance to change the plot. Not many of us are written before we begin to see the same old lines of self-sufficiency appear again.

What we really need is help from a source outside ourselves. This is the good news of the season just past.

Christmas has reminded us that a great light has shined upon us who dwelled in darkness (Isaiah 9:2).

Yet we discover the same regret and make the same resolves. We have messed up our opportunities. We have not redeemed the time. Our new year is faced with the old self and our baggage of broken resolves. So with jaws thrust forward and teeth clenched, we charge into the new year with determination but little hope.

Relax! Get rid of that baggage! Remember the only remedy for sin is our Redeemer, not our resolves. Take your broken promises, shattered

dreams, tarnished ideals, and self-centredness to him. No more new leaves -- try the new life! No more wallowing in remorse -- rejoice in restoration!

The blood of Christ still cleanses from sin. The grace of God is still operative. Nowhere in scripture do we find a statute of limitations regarding God's grace. Claim it!

Continual sin can be dealt with only by continual repentance. Remorse is useful only in that it leads us to repentance. Resolve is useful only if it leads us to dependence upon Christ. For Christians, you see, the new year is not regulated by the calendar.

We can have a clean slate every day, if we desire it. We need it!

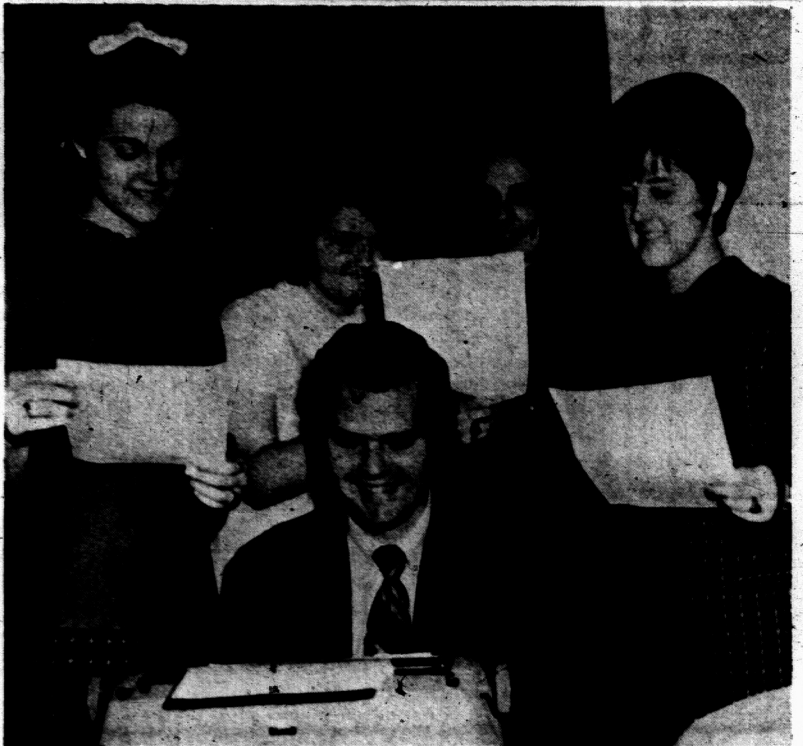
But what of the past? Forget it -- all of it! The new life does not rest upon its laurels or rehash its forgiven sins. That is why it is the new life. Paul said, "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 14). Behind were years of violent persecution of the Church of Christ and the blood of her martyrs, but this was forgotten via forgiveness. Work had to be done, and Paul was not

about to be hobbled by burdens he had already left at the cross. Press on!

This is the new year for the Christian -- new every day and new in repentance, restoration, responsibility, resources, and hope. The great preacher G. Campbell Morgan spoke of hope when he said, "I never begin my work in the morning without thinking that perhaps Christ may interrupt my work and begin His own. I am not looking for death. I am looking for Him."

Begin each day of this new year with this hope and you will discover that the new life is as Christ promised, "life abundant."

—THE COVENANT COMPANION



Bus Fund-Raising Project Gets Underway

Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College, all students will assist in reaching the goal of \$15,000 for the purchase of three small buses which will enable students to attend Conventions, share the love of Christ in many areas through sacred choir music, witnessing, child-outreach, and many mission projects. Faculty, staff, and student body will be directed by the BSU Steering Committee shown above. Seated, front, Robert Sugg, BSU Director; standing, left to right: Teresa Collins, secretary-treasurer; Susan Clayton, Chairman of Off-campus Publicity; Kaye Wallace, BSU President and Chairman of On-campus Publicity; and Jill McGinnis, Chairman of the Steering Committee, Box 375, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. 38610.

Campus Crusade Plans Explo '70,

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (EP)—A six-day international student congress on evangelism expected to draw some 100,000 students and laymen to Dallas, Texas has been announced by Campus Crusade for Christ.

The congress, called "Explo '72," a contraction of "Explosion 1972," will be held June 12-17 "to launch a strategy to train 500,000 people during 1972 for a spiritual explosion across America and around the world," according to Campus Crusade president, Dr. Bill Bright.

The campus leader said the most attractive person to students, including many campus radicals, is Jesus Christ.

Mass sessions of the congress will be held each evening in the Cotton Bowl. Dr. Billy Graham and other Christian leaders will participate in the meetings which will be televised nationwide.

Morning sessions will convene at some 50 locations throughout the city to train students and laymen "how to experience the abundant life in Christ and how to share their faith in Christ with others."

The student congress will close with a rally in a natural amphitheater near Dallas with an expected quarter million people. A budget of \$4 million has been set, half of which will be earmarked for nationwide television and scholarships.



Ring Out The Old

OF ALL SOUND OF ALL BELLS—(bells the music highest bordering upon heaven)—most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the Old Year.—Charles Lamb, (RNS Photo)

Wycliffe Enters 500th Tribe

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Wycliffe Bible Translators has entered its 500th tribe, and in recognition of its linguistic success President Richard M. Nixon received its founder at the White House.

W. Cameron Townsend, who founded the 2,500-member linguistic organization in 1934, told President Nixon that Wycliffe, through its scientific arm, the Summer Institute of Linguistics, is now working under contract with governments and universities in 23 countries from Nepal to West Africa. He asked for the President's help in recruiting 6,000 more dedicated workers to provide alphabets and Scripture in the remaining unreached 2,000 tongues.

Mr. Nixon commended the leader for the world-wide service of Wycliffe members. "You are not only providing minority peoples the Bible in their own languages," Mr. Nixon said, "you are also making it possible for them to learn to read. In early America there was a shortage of books and many people learned to read through reading the Bible."

Here is the truth that outward conformity to parents' routines of Sunday School, worship attendance, or religious group activities is no assurance that a child is being "good."—Walter C. Jackson in "When Trouble Comes," a Broadman book.

Court Unanimous In Banning School's Voluntary Prayer

TRENTON, N. J. (RNS)—In a 7-0 decision, New Jersey's Supreme Court upheld a state Board of Education ruling banning voluntary prayer in the Netcong High School and sustained an injunction against such prayer issued by a Superior Court judge last February.

High Hill Calls Mercer

Rev. John R. Mercer has resigned as pastor of Sulphur Springs Church, New Hope, Myrtle, and has accepted the call of High Hill Church, a Methodist Association. Mr. Mercer has served at Sulphur Springs for 34 months in which time the church has advanced in many phases.

Mr. Mercer formerly served as pastor of Duffee (Newton) and Pleasant Grove (Clarke).

He is married to the former Ann Cook of Meridian and they have three boys: Jeff 4, Scott 17 months, and Phil 3 months. They moved into the pastorage on December 7.

The state's high court, in declaring that the daily reading of prayers in the high school is unconstitutional, said it saw no difference between the Netcong program and the programs which the 1963 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court held in violation of the First Amendment.

The state tribunal also supported the opinion issued by Superior Court Judge Joseph H. Stamler, Feb. 9, which ordered the Netcong school board to end its reading of prayers.

A spokesman for the Netcong school board said he did not know whether the ruling would be appealed to the Supreme Court. Last March, when the school board first appealed the school prayer ban, its members vowed to carry the fight to the nation's high court.

Last September, in defiance of the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Netcong school board authorized its high school to begin prayer readings. Although the prayers were described as "strictly voluntary," they were challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Jewish Congress.

Reportedly, most residents of the Netcong-Stanhope community favored the school board's efforts to reinstate prayers. According to one high school teacher, the schools primarily reflect the views of students' predominantly Italian-Catholic parents. While the prayers read at the high school were recited before school hours, Judge Stamler ruled that the reading of "inspirational remarks" violated the constitutional guarantee of church-state separation.

Askew Calls Pastor

Askew Church at Askew has called as pastor Rev. T. C. Taylor of Myrtle. Mr. Taylor previously served pastorates at Lebanon Church, Ripley; Graham Chapel, Blue Mountain; Parks Church, Tallahatchie County; and New Hope, Myrtle.

He is married to the former Mildred Cook of Hickory Flat. They have two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ruth Botts, R. N., nurse at Booneville Hospital, and Miss Gala Taylor, secretary in New Albany.

Mr. Taylor began his duties at Askew on December 6.



Another Day, Another Year

TIME DOESN'T MARCH on for this little fellow. The sand seems almost to run up hill, time passes so slowly. The speed of the sand accelerates as he grows older and, all of a sudden, on some future New Year's Eve he will realize with a shock the quick passage of time. And he will be tolerant of the grandson who just can't wait to grow up. (RNS PHOTO)

The Old Year Is Dead... Long Live The New!

By C. Earl Cooper
The old year has gone like a cat slipping on soft, furred feet down the long dark hall and out into the night. One suddenly has the feeling that a friend is gone forever, or it is as if one has stepped outside the door into the cold darkness, turned to find that the door has slammed behind him, leaving him locked on the outside, and he suddenly remembers that he does not have a key, that there is no way to return to the inside.

In contemplation, one has the sinking feeling that all of life has been blown straight through him, leaving no residue, there is something of a hollow ache inside.

This symbolism takes on different form. It is as if one were clinging to the minute hand of a giant clock which moves inevitably to the hour of twelve. The moment of midnight is approaching. With all one's weight, with all one's strength, one is unable

to halt the inevitable movement of the hand.

Time would not be time if one could stop it. One second merges into another and it is gone. By the time one has declared that it is one second after midnight, one second after the old year has died, another second has been born, two seconds, three seconds, four seconds of the new year have already elapsed. Time is moving on. One sits alone in an old rocking chair. He rocks back and forth, back and forth. With each swaying

One sits in a meadow, his paint brush in his hand. He dips into the color. The sun is shining upon the clouds. By the time one has made the stroke to place the red against the violet, the violet has changed to purple and the blue to gold. One paints furiously, trying to capture structure, but structure does not exist, only dynamic movement, the ever-existing change.

One is somewhat saddened because he cannot freeze the day, because he cannot hold time back, because he cannot stop the future from coming or the past from disappearing. One is so very much saddened because the present will soon be no more. The old year is dead. Long live the new year!

But then for a moment one shakes himself, and his contemplation changes into a different direction. It was only by the process of calculation, the measurement of the activities of the sun, the arbitrary determination of man that one year merged into another, that one year was declared dead and another year born. The only thing that can cure the darkness is the daylight.

As one would not stop the growth of a child, as one would not stop education or spiritual development, one would, in the best sense of the word, not stop time.

Although there have been many heartaches in 1970, there have been many joys, many pleasures, much happiness. Although there have been many frustrations, much learning has passed one by, there has been some success, some fruition, some growth, some accomplishment. Life has become a part of one, one has grown, one has developed, one has enlarged, fulfilled. Life is more meaningful. 1970 paved the way for 1971. Because 1970 was an experience, that which is yet to be shall be so much more.

Christ in 1970 one will be able to climb even to the mountaintop with Christ in 1971.

Suddenly one is inside a warm building, the door has opened, the baby kitten on soft, downy feet makes its way across the floor, down the long hall, into the living room, lies stretched kitten-like in front of the warm fire. The old year is dead. Long live the new!

SCRAPBOOK

Beatitudes For The New Year

Blessed are they that have eyes to see.
They shall find God everywhere. They shall see him where others see stones.
Blessed are they that have understanding hearts.
To them shall be multiplied kingdoms of delight.
Blessed are they that see visions.
They shall rejoice in the hidden ways of God.
Blessed are the songful of soul.
They carry light and joy to shadowed lives.
Blessed are they who know the power of Love.
They dwell in God, for God is Love.
Blessed are the dead.
For they are with God.
Blessed are the living.
For they can still serve God.
Blessed are they who rejoice in their children.
The New Testament way of saying that is, Blessed are childless, loving children still.
Their shall be a mighty family, even as the stars of heaven.
Blessed are the faithful strong.
They are the right hand of God.
Blessed are they that dwell in peace.
If they forget not God.
Blessed are they whose memories we cherish.
Our thoughts and jewels to their crown.
Blessed are they who, through tribulation, have come to perfect trust.
Their is the peace which passeth understanding.
Blessed are of heart to whom the Comforter has come.
They foretaste the joy of heaven.
Blessed are the souls all bare before God.
He shall clothe them with his peace and love.
Blessed is the people whose heart is set on God.
It shall stand.

—JOHN OXENHAM

The Christian's Alphabet, 1971

A stands for ardent our affections for Christ.
B stands for baby, the beginning of life.
C stands for crying when He was born.
D stands for dying, forsaken and forlorn.
E stands for eternity where He has gone.
F stands for the fallen who did him wrong.
G stands for God, our Father above.
H stands for heaven, a haven of love.
I stands for illuminator, the one who is light.
J stands for Jesus, our Saviour the Christ.
K stands for King, the King of kings.
L stands for Lord wherever we go.
M stands for Master of our hearts and soul.
N stands for never forsaking our goal.
O stands for only one Saviour of all.
P stands for patience, or else we fail.
Q stands for quality, the state of our worth.
R stands for reverence for the one who gives birth.
S stands for spirit, the breath of life.
T stands for triumph over sin and strife.
U stands for unity in man and Christ.
V stands for virtue in a Christian's life.
W stands for worship, our love for the Lord.
X stands for X-ray -- He sees through us all.
Y stands for yearning for our heavenly home.
Z stands for zeal to carry on.

—Nellie Reeves Carter

Verse For The Week

For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and the tender branch thereof will not cease. —Job 14:7

A New Chance

He came to my desk, with quivering lip.
The lesson was done.
"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said.
I have spoiled this one.
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted.
And into his sad eyes smiled,
Do better now, my child."

The New Year

New Year has brought renewing.
Short daylight lengthens and the winds are still.
The Year's first month of January's here.

A Prayer For Peace

Leviticus 26:6 Give peace to the land,
Luke 2:14 peace on earth;
Job 25:2 peace in the heights,
Luke 19:28 peace in heaven.
Isaiah 66:12 peace like a river,
Psalms 37:11 untroubled peace,
Psalms 72:7 a universal peace,
Psalms 119:165 a universal peace
for all who love your law;
Ecclesiastes 3:8 a time of peace,
Isaiah 57:10 peace to those who are far and near;
Jeremiah 14:3 unbroken peace in this place,
Jeremiah 29:7 peace in this city;
Jeremiah 33:6 peace in full measure,
Romans 2:10 peace to everyone who does good,
Proverbs 12:20 joy with those who give counsel of peace;
Philippians 4:7 peace which surpasses understanding,
Hebrews 12:14 peace with all men.

—Weekly Messenger
First, Grenada

Beware Of Temptation

Look forward bravely, look not weakly back.
The past is done with, mind the coming track;
Look in with searching eye and courage stout.
But when temptation comes, look out! Look out!

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

For 1971

Lord of the far horizons,
Give us the eyes to see
Over the verge of sundown
The beauty that is to be.
Give us the skill to fashion
The task of Thy command,
Eager to follow the pattern
We may not understand.
Master of ancient wisdom
And the lore lost long ago,
Inspire our foolish reason
With faith to seek and know.
When the skein of truth is tangled,
And the lead of sense is blind,
Foster the fire to lighten
Our unillumined mind.

—Bliss Carman, Master of Ancient Wisdom.

DAYBREAK

By Bob Harper
The early morning Sun
bursts through the trees,
splashing on the ground
a dancing little breeze.
Every little tear
heaving to and fro
without any fear
of ever feeling low.
Nature has a way
of taking gentle heed
and giving all her children
everything they need.

Relationship Between Jesus And Mary Reveals Respect And Love

By Bill Duncan

Luke 2:51-52; John 2:1-5
John 19:25-27

Someone said, "Behind every great man is a great woman." Stories have come to show the prayer of the mother of George Washington for him. It is true that mothers are designed by God to have great influence upon their children. The relationship between Mary and Jesus reveals respect and love. If a person is to learn to love, he must know love at home. I have seen that where people had respect for rule, laws and authority, there was respect for parents.

Mary and Jesus must have had their problems, frustrations, and joys common to all human mother and son relationships. Most people believe that there were children born into the home besides Jesus. By the time Jesus began his earthly ministry at age 30, Joseph had died. If he had died any earlier, Jesus would have had the support of His mother and family to secure.

Do you wonder how Jesus and His mother worked out the normal teenage age disputes that they must have had? If Jesus had been living today how do you think Mary would feel about her son using the family car?

Many of us fail to realize that Jesus was as much human as he was divine. We need to learn that our relationship with family members can be based upon the same principles

that Mary and Jesus used.
The Temple Visit
Luke 2:51-52

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus went to Jerusalem as any Jewish lad for the Passover Feast. At the age of 12 a Jewish boy became a son of the law and accepted the responsibilities of observing the ordinances of the Jewish law as a man. The phylacteries (small receptacles of leather containing verses of scripture worn on the arm and forehead) were put on and worn as reminders of the obligation to keep the law.

The most unusual thing happened at this Passover. Jesus must have taken the observance very seriously because his hunger for knowledge was not filled. He was so interested in what the Jewish teachers were saying that he stayed on after his parents had left to go home. His questions and conversation amazed the teachers. The mother of Jesus showed normal anxiety for him. The three-day search had brought strain to the mother, because of her not knowing what could have happened to him. The explanation of Jesus showed that he was becoming conscious of his responsibility to God, who was his Father in a unique way. Through obedience and faith, he became aware of his unique relationship to His Father.

Jesus went home to Nazareth and "was obedient unto them." The insight of relationship to the Heavenly Father encouraged loyal respect toward the parents. He was a boy and needed the training of godly parents. The relationship to God only leads to strengthen the relationship in

the home. The four-fold growth all parents desire in right portion can be seen in Luke 2:52: mental, physical, spiritual and social. Are you as a parent putting proper emphasis on all four areas in your son's development? Is one being overemphasized?

The Wedding
John 2:1-5

The story tells us that Mary held a special place at the wedding feast. She was worried with arrangements when the wine ran out. She had authority to order the servants to do what ever Jesus told them to do. When the need arose she shared her problem of concern with Jesus like a mother would or like a wife to a husband. Since Joseph was not mentioned, many think he was dead. The authorized version translation makes Jesus' reply sound very discouraging: "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" The tone of a statement really gives the feeling and meaning. This we do not have. If this was spoken gently, He was simply telling her to leave things to Him, that He would have His own way of dealing with this situation. The term woman was a

title of respect and used in the gentle time of dying on the cross to gain attention for instruction after his death when he would leave her to the care of John. It may be like "ma'am" or "lady." Odysseus addresses Penelope, his beloved wife, by the same term. William Temple said, "We had better remember that a religion which does not tell in our home life and make us thoughtful and unselfish there, in the living out of life's little nothings that make up our days, is gravely suspect. There must be understood the relationship of love between mother and Son. He honored her as mother but she saw him as the Messiah whom she should believe and worship. She was to be subject even to Him."

The Cross
John 19:25-27

At the death of Jesus, most of his disciples were not present, but Mary his mother was. As she looked at the cross, she saw the child of wonder, the miracle workers, the fulfillment of prophecy and her support of love, dying. He was dying the cruel death of a common criminal in shame. Her love could not be measured. Her grief could not be contained.

Among the last words of Jesus were those expressed in concern for her welfare. "Woman, behold, your son!" (19:26). In the midst of pain for bearing the sins of the world even his family - he provided for his mother in the home of the beloved disciple, John. How well are you providing for the members of your family? The

aged still have a lot to contribute to our world and our lives. The older people are living longer, and will call for more care. The government cannot provide love in checks. The relationship between Jesus and Mary should encourage you to have a better relationship in your family. This calls for both sides to find love that is unselfish.

The Stephen Foster Story

"MasterControl," Southern Baptists' half-hour radio variety program, will present a special featuring the Stephen Foster Story, a popular outdoor musical, on its program for the January 10 weekend.

The musical is the story of the great song writer, who composed words and music to more than 200 songs, of which 50 are still in production.

Bert Ballard, general manager of the musical drama, will tell about the Stephen Foster Story's 13-year run in Bardstown, Ky. and the response it has received from the more than half-a-million people who have seen it.

"MasterControl," produced by the Radio and Television Commission, is carried by more than 550 stations.

Purl Accepts Pastorate

Rev. J. Millard Purl has accepted the pastorate of Galilee First Church, Gloster, and has resigned as superintendent of missions, Mississippi Association, in which position he had served since September 1, 1968.

The Executive Committee of Mississippi Association meeting at Liberty adopted a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Purl's "leadership and inspiration, and his promotion of the Lord's work to the very best of his ability."

"His friendliness was appreciated by every church in this association and by everyone who knew him," the document continued. "We have grown to love and respect him for his devotion to this association and to Christ."

Church Literature Department Adds New Telephone Service

NASHVILLE — The church literature department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has changed its direct-line telephone number and added another line to further facilitate the handling of church literature orders and inquiries.

The new "rotary" number is 254-6577 in area code 615. Should the number dialed be busy, the new system will transfer the call to a second line if it is not in use.

The lines, which may be used to

check on literature orders, errors or other matters concerning church literature, are manned from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Clark, manager of the church literature department, said the single

direct line currently in operation has been in use about three years. He said the line has been so busy recently that callers could not reach the department, so the new system is being added.

1971 STEWARDSHIP - FOUNDATION MEETINGS

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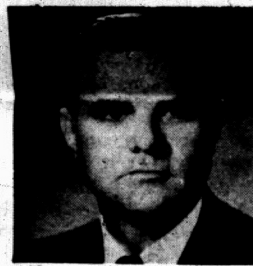
All pastors, church elected stewardship-foundation chairman or committee, associational elected stewardship-foundation representative, superintendents of missions.

PROGRAM

- 4:00 P.M. A FRANK AND FACTUAL LOOK AT MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST WORK
W. Douglas Huddins
Brooks H. Wester
Bob Hamblin
John G. McCall
John E. Barnes, Jr.
- 4:45 P.M. QUESTIONS
5:15 P.M. BREAK
5:25 P.M. THE ASSOCIATION
Foy Rogers
Leon Emery
Therman Bryant
- 5:45 P.M. THE IMPERATIVE OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS
Perry C. Perkins
Estus Mason
James Yates
Hardy Denham, Jr.
- 6:30 P.M. COMPLIMENTARY MEAL
7:15 P.M. THE CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN'S PLANNING GUIDE
John Alexander
Clarence Cutrell
James Harrell
MINISTRIES OF THE FOUNDATION
Carey E. Cox
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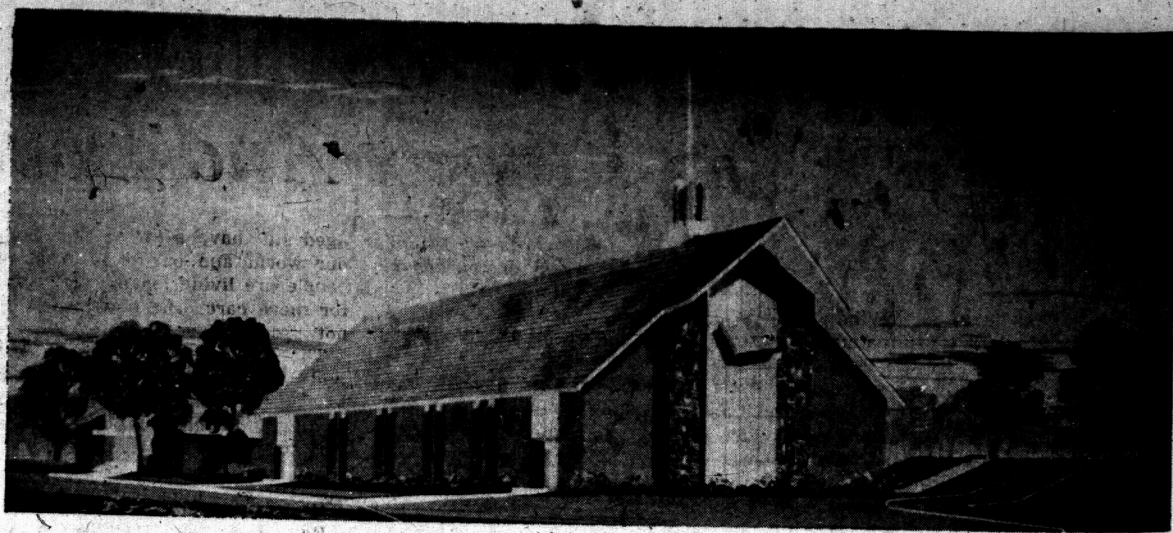
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday January 11	Oxford (Lafayette, Panola, Marshall)	North Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford
Tuesday January 12	Booneville (Prentiss, Alcorn, Tishomingo)	First Baptist Church Booneville
Thursday January 14	Pontotoc (Pontotoc, Union County)	First Baptist Church Pontotoc
Monday January 18	Blue Mountain (Benton, Tippah)	Blue Mountain College Blue Mountain
Tuesday January 19	Hernando (DeSoto, Tate)	Kenny's Restaurant Hernando
Thursday January 21	Clarksdale (Tallahatchie, Riverside, Quitman)	Clarksdale Baptist Church Clarksdale
Monday January 25	Pascagoula (Jackson, George)	First Baptist Church Pascagoula
Tuesday January 26	Gulfport (Gulfcoast)	First Baptist Church Gulfport
Thursday January 28	Natchez (Adams, Union)	First Baptist Church Natchez
Monday February 8	McComb (Pike, Mississippi)	First Baptist Church McComb
Tuesday February 9	Columbia (Lawrence, Marion, Walthall)	Tay's Drive Inn Columbia
Thursday February 11	Hattiesburg (Lebanon, Perry, Greene)	Carey College Hattiesburg
Monday March 8	Poplarville (Lamar, Pearl River)	Carver Restaurant Poplarville
Tuesday March 9	Brookhaven (Lincoln, Copiah, Franklin)	First Baptist Church Brookhaven
Thursday March 11	Prentiss (Covington, Jeff-Davis)	Jeffersonian Restaurant Prentiss
Friday March 12	Magee (Simpson, Smith)	East Side Church Magee
Monday March 15	(Jasper, Jones, Wayne)	Laurel
Thursday March 18	Brandon (Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Scott)	First Baptist Church Brandon
Monday March 22	Meridian (Newton, Lauderdale, Clarke)	First Baptist Church Meridian
Tuesday March 30	Philadelphia (Neshoba, Kemper)	Colonial Restaurant Philadelphia

Thursday April 1	Louisville (Leake, Winston, Noxubee)	Lake Tiak-O-Khata Louisville
Monday April 12	Kosciusko (Holmes, Attala)	Parkway Inn Kosciusko
Tuesday April 13	Yazoo City (Sharkey-Issaquene, Yazoo)	First Baptist Church Yazoo City
Thursday April 15	Vicksburg (Warren)	First Baptist Church Vicksburg
Monday May 3	West Point (Monroe, Clay, Oktibbeha, Lowndes)	First Baptist Church West Point
Tuesday May 4	Eupora (Zion, Choctaw)	First Baptist Church Eupora
Thursday May 6	Winona (Carroll, Montgomery)	Hitching Post Restaurant Winona
Monday May 10	Greenwood (Leflore)	First Baptist Church Greenwood
Tuesday May 11	Cleveland (Bolivar)	Holiday Inn, Jr. Cleveland
Thursday May 13	Leland (Washington, Sunflower)	First Baptist Church Leland
Monday May 17	Tupelo (Lee, Itawamba)	East Heights Baptist Church Tupelo
Tuesday May 18	Bruce (Calhoun, Chickasaw)	Bruce Motel Bruce
Thursday May 20	Grenada (Yalobusha, Grenada)	Monte Cristo Restaurant Grenada

Please NOTE: If the meeting is scheduled at a church, it will be necessary to reserve plates for the meal. No reservation is necessary if the meal is at a restaurant. Please mail your reservation card for the complimentary meal to the church you plan to attend as soon as possible.

The full motive and purpose of this Stewardship-Foundation training program is not merely dollars-but financing Kingdom Building. This is YOUR opportunity to be better prepared to help your church and the Lord's work.



McDowell Road Church Breaks Ground For New Sanctuary

The McDowell Road Church, Jackson, broke ground Sunday, November 31, for a new auditorium. The \$207,000 auditorium will seat approximately 600 on the main floor, 50 in the choir, and 150 in the balcony.

Exterior finish will be brick, and interior brick with laminated beams and exposed deck ceiling. D.S.A., Inc. of Cleburne, Texas, church building specialists, are in charge.



PICTURED IS THE Building Committee at McDowell Road. (Left to right) Bill Gilmore, Paul Williams, Stan Runnels, George Fortenberry, Rev. John C. Hilburn, pastor; Jack McInnis, chairman; Jeff Pigford, Thad Lott, and A. C. Owens, not pictured. This is the second construction project begun this year. The church is just completing a \$68,000 activities-educational building, with complete gym-sized floor for basketball, skating, etc., plus educational facilities.

Morris Resigns PR Post In Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — David K. Morris, director of public relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention's State Executive Board since 1958, has resigned effective Jan. 1, 1971, to enter private business.

Morris will become president of a newly formed Montgomery public relations agency, Advertising - Communications, Inc., which will offer board communications services to commercial and non-profit, service-type organizations.

He is former director of public relations for Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and former news and information director at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He earned degrees at both schools.

MC Benefactor Dies At Leland

"She went about doing good." This is the statement almost everyone used in describing the activities of the late Mrs. Addie Collier Huddleston of Leland, a top benefactor of Christian higher education.

Mrs. Huddleston died on Oct. 9, 1970, at the age of 83. During that long life span she crowded in many acts of kindness — most of which went unnoticed because this is the way she wanted it.

A humble individual, she did not care for commendation or publicity for her Christian philanthropy. Though she has departed this world, her influence will be felt for years to come because of her generosity.

Especially is this true at Mississippi College, a Baptist institution that was dear to her heart.

She donated to the college last year five promissory notes held by her totaling \$50,000. She placed no restrictions on their use, stating that they may be used "to further the general purposes and objects of the college."

Although Mississippi College was the major recipient, she also made contributions to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the City of Leland at the same time.

She had been a prime benefactor of Mississippi College through the years. In 1968 she made a \$10,000 contribution toward a home economics building fund. Other gifts had been made during various fund drives conducted by the college.

Mrs. Huddleston had always been generous to Baptist institutions. She gave a sizeable donation to Clarke College several years ago that resulted in the erection of Huddleston Hall, a boys dormitory.

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She had made a number of contributions to her community of Leland, a major part being a generous donation toward the construction of a public library in Leland.

Not only was she generous with her money, but also with her time—especially to her church.

Mrs. Huddleston was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leland for 70 years and was active right up to the time of her death.

She held leadership positions in almost every phase of the church's life, but concentrated on mission endeavors. She was an enthusiastic supporter of home and foreign missions and gave of her means freely to these causes.

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Perrin Lowrey Dies At Blue Mountain

BLUE MOUNTAIN — Funeral services for Perrin Holmes Lowrey were held Jan. 3 in Ripley. Officiating was Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, and J. E. Buchanan, a close friend, of Blue Mountain College.

Lowrey died at Tiptah County Hospital Jan. 2 after having suffered a heart condition for a number of months. He was 83.

He was born July 22, 1888 in Blue Mountain, the son of the late Booth and Patti Lowrey and grandson of Gen. M. P. Lowrey, founder of Blue Mountain College.

Lowrey was for two different periods a member of the English faculty of Blue Mountain College, having retired in June of 1965. He held the Ph. B. degree from Mississippi College. His father, Booth Lowrey, was a nationally known platform lecturer, poet, and professor of speech at Blue Mt. College for many years and his mother, Patti Lowrey, was librarian of the same college for 37 years.

Lowrey's only brother, the late Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, served as president of Blue Mountain College for 35 years.

Lowrey was a veteran of WWI, during which he served overseas with the Army.

Early in life he was known as a gifted poet. His poem, "Song of the Flag", written during WWI, was published in hundreds of magazines and newspapers over the world. He was on the staff of Collier's weekly magazine, and wrote poems for the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines for many years. He devoted 14 years of his life to the management of the Baltimore Md. office of Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

While in Baltimore he was a member of First Baptist Church and taught a Sunday school class of students from Johns Hopkins University and Goucher College. He was the author of the official song for all Miss. Federated Womens Clubs, "Mississippi", which is used throughout the state. He is also author of the verse for "Voice of Blue Mountain College", the official college song.

Lowrey is survived by: one daughter, Mrs. Thomas R. Ford of Lexington, Ky.; one son, Lawrence M. Lowrey of Blue Mountain; seven grandchildren.

He was a member of Lowrey Memorial Church. Burial was in the Blue Mountain Cemetery.

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Devotional

Putting Words Into Action

By D. Douglas Hudgins
Executive Secretary
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"Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also . . . I Cor. 8:11."

William Barclay is quoted as saying: "The tragedy of life so often is, not that we have no high impulses, but that we so often let them remain impulses and never turn them into actions." This was the burden of Paul's concern as he wrote the Corinthian Church. The mother Church in Jerusalem was in great need and appeals were being made to the Gentile Churches to lend assistance. The Macedonians had done, worthily in this effort, and Paul commended them for it. But, like many others, the Christians at Corinth had talked a lot but had done nothing.

Paul reminds his friends there that the time had come for action. Talk was fine; aspiration was noble; intentions were commendable; but the time had come for doing something about their intentions. "Now," he says, "put into performance all the noble intentions you have been discussing among yourselves." In other words, Paul was saying the time has come to put your words into action.

In our State Convention last November an attempt was made to challenge our Mississippi Baptist people to some definite advances in our Christian witness and activity during 1971. Among the suggestions were some definite and specific goals of improvement; increases in enrollment for Bible study, worship attendance, evangelistic outreach, and an effort to accentuate a response of young people to the ministry, mission service, and other forms of Christian witness.

With a commendable degree of enthusiasm the messengers accepted the challenge and voted to accept the suggested goals as reasonable and well within possibility. Even the Committee on Resolutions brought a recommendation endorsing the idea and recommending wholehearted cooperation in making 1971 a year of advance.

Now, 1971 is upon us. Have we just talked, or will we perform? Scores of our pastors and many of our laymen have commented that the goals we set for ourselves easily can be reached and even exceeded. Our people, I believe, are in a mood for accelerated activity. People are hungry for spiritual truth. Individuals, of every age group, are manifesting a renewed interest in a study of God's Word. Concern for the unsaved and the unchurched is evident in the pew as well as the pulpit. The need for ministers, missionaries, and church-related workers is being felt in all our congregations. The spirit of this new year can energize and enervate us to real accomplishments in our churches.

What will be the result? How sincere were we when we set ourselves to these objectives? The proof of our concern will be in our dedication to the enlargement of our witness in our own congregations. We have talked; we have resolved; we have voted.

"Now perform the doing of it."

Prayer For The New Year

"Lord, I confess before Thee that I have had longings and nudges from Thee which I did not translate into action."

I have made decisions without consulting Thee, then have blamed Thee when things went wrong."

I have said that I trusted Thee, yet have not turned my affairs over to Thee."

I have been greedy for present delights and pleasures, unwilling to wait for those joys which time and discipline alone can give."

I have often sought the easy way,

have consistently drawn back from the road that is hard."

I have been fond of giving myself to dreams of what I am going to do. Some time, yet have been so slow in getting started to do them."

Forgive me for all the intentions that were born and somehow never lived."

And now I claim Thy promise to change me. Do Thou for me what I cannot do for myself. Lead me into a new tomorrow with a new spirit. Cleanse my heart, create within me new attitudes and new ideas, as only Thou canst create them."

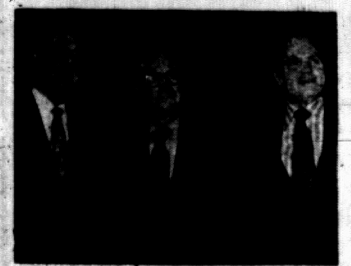
—Peter Marshall

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionary appointees to Chile, will attend missionary orientation which begins Jan. 11 at Callaway Gardens (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Both Mr. and Mrs. Magee are Mississippians; he is from Tyler-town and she is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionary appointees who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., were scheduled to leave the States on Dec. 25 for Uganda (address: Box 358, Port Portal, Uganda). Simon is a native of Winnsboro, La., and Mrs. Simon is the former Carol Martin of Meridian, Miss.

Rev. Howard M. Houston of Laurel, began as pastor of Poplar Springs Church, Chipley Fla. December 13. Mr. Houston began in the pastoral training course at Baptist Bible Institute Graceville, Fla. last May. His last pastorate was the West Frost-proof, Florida, Baptist Church.



These three men will be serving as officers of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees for the coming year. They were elected at the regular December meeting of the Board held at the college this past week. From the left: T. M. Hederman, Jr., secretary; T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson, president; and W. D. Lofton, Brookhaven, vice-president. Hederman and Lofton have served on the Board previously, while Walker is a newcomer to the group. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)



Owen Cooper (center) of Yazoo City, chairman of the Lay Consultation Conference committee, talks with Dr. W. J. Isbell (left) of Memphis, director of the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission, SBC, and Ben Connell (right) of Memphis, consultant in the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission, during a break at the Lay Consultation Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee December 3-5.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionaries, were scheduled to leave Argentina on Dec. 14 for a short furlough in the States (address: c-o T. R. Cooper, 5811 NW 34th St., Apt. 19, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73122). Cooper, a Mississippian, was born in Itta Bena.

Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson and Aven Whittington of Greenwood will represent Mississippi Baptists when the 53rd annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board is held in Dallas, February 2-3. Special recognition of three staff members who are retiring will highlight the two day meeting. The trio, Mable McCartney, Floyd Chaffin, and Fred Noe, have more than a century of combined service to Southern Baptists.

Loretta Lynn, leading country-western female vocalist, is extending her guest appearance on the Southern Baptist radio program "Country Crossroads" by popular demand. Normally, guest stars are featured for one week on the weekly half-hour program. Loretta, who began in November, will remain on the show through January and will appear with Cecil Whitley, Country Music Hall of Fame director, in a discussion of her successful career on the January 17 program.

Rev. and Mrs. George B. Cowsett, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to return Dec. 28 to Brazil (address: Caixa 35, Goiania, Goias, Brazil). Cowsett, the son of Baptist missionaries, was born in Brazil, and lived in Goodman, Miss., while growing up. Mrs. Cowsett is the former Hilda Bean of Granite Falls, N.C.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Falwell Jr., missionary associates who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., were scheduled to leave Dec. 29 for Hong Kong (address: 160 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong). He is a native of Murray, Ky., and she is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss.

R. H. Schooler of Louisville, Miss., father of Dr. John E. Schooler, missionary to Okinawa, died Nov. 30. Dr. Schooler is a native of Winston County, Miss., his wife, the former Clara Huckabee, was born in Houston, Tex., and reared near Opelousas, La. They may be addressed at 1705 Parkside Terrace, Kitanakagusuku - son, Okinawa.

Miss Mary Cannon, missionary to Japan, may now be addressed at 26-2, 6-chome, Kugenuma Kaigan, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa-ken 251, Japan. She is a sister-in-law of Dan Hall, director, Music Dept., Miss. Baptist Convention Board.



The Brotherhood of First Church, Senatobia, presented a Christmas Ladies' Night program, with 70 in attendance. Farley Earnest presented special Christmas music; Dr. John Flowers, pastor, center above, told the story, "The Other Wise Man." Howard Carpenter, at left, president of the Brotherhood, said, "100 was given by the Brotherhood during the Christmas season to help needy families. We are averaging 60 to 70 each meeting." James Brewer, past president of the Brotherhood is pictured above right.



CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBIA, held groundbreaking ceremonies December 20, for a new sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, children's department, choir room and offices. Participants in the ceremonies are in photo at left, from left to right: Deacons: Harry Rowell, Bert Crain, Carl Pierce, Cowart Pope, Billy Crain, Harry Robertson, N. B. Hahn, Rev. Douglas Rouse, interim pastor, Thomas Cox, Venton Ray Adams, Marvin L. Polk, Harry Taylor, member building committee; Buford Ashley, Joe Wilson, Lawrence Weatherford, J. O. Blue, Hollis Dunaway, Robert Patterson, Clarence Pierce, Dock Shirley, and Ronnie Adams. (The camera missed J. Bobby Crain, Chairman of Deacons and member of building committee.) Others of Calvary congregation participating in groundbreaking ceremonies are shown at right.



Calvary Church, Columbia, Breaks Ground For New Sanctuary

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday morning, December 20 for a new sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and church offices for Calvary Church, Columbia. Rev. Douglas Rouse is serving as interim pastor. This is another step in the original plans made when the present main building was constructed in 1954.

The new section will join the present building on its southwest corner with the new sanctuary facing Church Street. It will be located on a portion of church lot not being utilized for parking and will leave available almost all of the present parking area. The old building will be renovated with new paint and roof to blend the old and new section. The total cost

of the new structure was estimated by the architects to cost some \$303,000. The building will be three stories high. On the first floor, which will be below ground level, will be the fellowship hall with a seating capacity of 200, the kitchen, and the children's department.

The main sanctuary, library, pastor's study and church office will occupy the second floor. The third floor will contain a choir practice room and offices for minister of music, youth and education.

The structure is expected to be completed in about eight months.

J. Bobby Crain is chairman of the Deacons at Calvary Church which was organized April 20, 1940. He is also a member of the building committee. Marvin L. Polk is chairman of the committee. Other members are N. B. Hahn, Joe Wilson, Buford Ashley and Harry Taylor.

James Jackson is serving as interim music director.

Off The Record

A man was trying to make a rather sizeable loan from a large bank. The commercial credit manager asked the man, "Do you have any money in the bank?" The loan applicant replied that he certainly did. The credit manager then asked him, "How much?" The applicant thought a moment and said, "I don't know. . . I haven't shaken it lately!" — W. C. Hultgreen

COMPARISONS
"My wife gets after me about my English. I can speak as well as she can — as a matter of fact, 'weller'."

COURTESY
A Mexican was riding a little mule and his wife was walking behind him. "Friend, why is your wife not riding?" inquired a visitor. The Mexican replied, "She ain't got no mule."



Gallman Exceeds Goal

The Sunday School of Gallman Church (87 members) set \$760.00 as goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, an average of \$10 for every country in which Southern Baptists have mission work. A circle of plywood four feet in diameter was cut and painted white. In the center of the board was drawn a picture of the world. Around the outer part of the board were 76 holes, a red Christmas light in each. When \$10.00 was given, a light was turned on. Sunday morning, December 27, all 76 lights were turned on, total gifts amounting to \$799.25. Rev. W. J. Henderson is pastor; the theme was "Missions Around the World."

Landgrave, Forbis Direct

Youth Music Workshops

NASHVILLE — Wesley Forbis, associate professor of music, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., will serve as choral director for the first Youth Music Workshop to be held in the West.

Sponsored by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the first music workshop for Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., is scheduled for July 15-21.

Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will direct the fourth annual Youth Music Workshop, July 1-7, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C.

Wesley McCoy, professor of church music, University of South Carolina, Columbia, will be instrumental director at the Ridgecrest workshop.

Serving as instrumental director at Glorieta will be Phillip Posey, associate professor of church music, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Deadline for registration is April 15. Applicants should write: Director, Youth Music Workshops, 127 North Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Baptist Viewpoll

Most Leaders In Sympathy With Israel

By Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Baptist VIEWpoll has learned in a survey of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers that sympathy among Baptist leaders rests strongly with Israel in the Middle East crisis.

Panel members were asked this question in August 1970: "In the trouble between Israel and the Arab nations in the Middle East, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab states?"

"Israel" was the reply of 77 per cent of the pastors and 73 per cent of the teachers.

"Arab states" claimed the sympathy of only 2.6 per cent of the pastors and 1.1 per cent of the teachers.

"Neither" side received sympathy from 15.2 per cent of the pastors and 18.2 per cent of the teachers. Also, some of the pastors (5.2 per cent) and teachers (7.7 per cent) had "no opinion" on the crisis.

When the same question was asked of Baptist leaders in March 1969, 71.9 per cent of the pastors and 69.3 per cent of the teachers expressed sympathy for Israel.

This represents an increase in support of Israel which comes mainly from those either uncommitted or having no opinion in 1969. However, Arab states did lose some support

among liberal supporters, and this could have been activated by the Arab sky-jackings which occurred during the period the poll was being taken.

In the Gallup Poll of March 1970, 44 per cent of American adults were

in sympathy with Israel, 3 per cent with the Arab states, and 43 per cent were either uncommitted or had no opinion.

Baptist VIEWpoll findings are based on 92 per cent response of the panel members.

Arbor Grove Calls Pastor, Burns Note

The final payment on the building fund note at Arbor Grove (Chickasaw) was made and the note burned on November 22. This culminated the building program begun 16 years ago which included a new brick church building with eight Sunday school rooms and baptistry. The seating capacity is 500. A three-bedroom brick pastorial was built, also a two-story educational building with 20 Sunday school rooms, including pastor's study and complete modern kitchen, with a breezeway between the auditorium and educational building. All three buildings are serviced by a deep well system on the grounds.

Since Rev. L. P. Lee, his wife and

three teenage daughters have been on the field the average attendance has increased 25%. The Lees moved to Arbor Grove November 8, 1970.

The church exceeded its goal to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Odle Trenor is the only direct member of the charter membership. The deacons are: W. C. Weaver, Chairman; Odle Trenor; Roy Doss; Graydon Verrell; Billy Whitte; Leonard Gann; Charlie Martin; Charlie Pumphrey; and William Gambrell.

The church was organized in 1887. Its founders worshipped two years under an arbor constructed by them. The original building was erected in 1889. The resident membership is about 225.



REVIVAL RESULTS

Highland, Laurel: Nov. 21 - 22; Youth Team from Mississippi College: weekend Youth Revival; members of team pictured above with Bob Wil-

son, Highland's youth director, a student at New Orleans Seminary. From left to right: Mr. Wilson; Danny Waddell, Anniston, Alabama; Gary Cornett, Laurel; and Darrell Boggs, Laurel. Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor.